

REMARKS

In response to the non-final Office Action of March 9, 2009, applicants ask that all claims be allowed in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-36 are pending, with claims 1, 11, 17, 26, 27, 32, and 34 being independent. Claim 37 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.


Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-36 are allowed. Independent claim 37 was rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,092,071 (Simpson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,916,617 (Norwood) and U.S. Patent No. 3,666,340 (Albeanese). As shown above, applicants have cancelled claim 37. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 37.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional issues arise with respect to this application.

No fees are believed due. Nonetheless, please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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